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SUBJ: NATIONALISTS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

1. OPPOSITION NATIONALIST PARTY CELEBRATED INDEPENDENCE DAY
ON SEPT 21 (RECENTLY CHANGED TO SEPT 8 BY LABOR GOVERNMENT)
WITH VERY WELL ATTENDED CHURCH SERVICE, MARCH UP KINGSWAY
AND MALL RALLY IN HAMRUN.

2. PREDICTABLY, LABOR TOUGHS DID THEIR BEST TO DISRUPT THESE
FESTIVITIES AND SEVERAL FIGHTS INCLUDING SOME MINOR STABBINGS
RESULTED IN A DOZEN ARRESTS. NAT. WHIP, ALBERT B.O. DE PUGET,
MAY BE CHARGED WITH HAVING ORALLY ABUSED POLICE OFFICER FOR
NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

3. COMMENT: SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENT WAS HEAVY ATTENDANCE OF
NAT. SUPPORTERS, WHO, UNLIKE LOBORITES, GNERALLY ARE NOT
INCLINED TO ATTEND SUCH EVENTS. THIS HEAVY TURNOUT MAY
ENCOURAGE NAT. PARLIAMENT TO DISPLAY MORE VIGOR WHEN
PARLIAMENT RESUMES OCT. 1.

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